

In the Abstract:

Replace the abstract with the following:

--A method and apparatus for spreading a treating agent, for example, size or a coating onto a moving surface in the manufacture of the web-shaped folios or paper and paperboard and various sheet products in particular, includes feeding the treating agent into at least one feeding chamber and directing the agent from the feeding chamber onto the moving surface. Jets are formed from the treating agent by directing the agent through at least one nozzle plate comprising openings that are defined by the nozzle plate around the entire periphery, and the formed jets are applied directly onto the moving surface .--

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